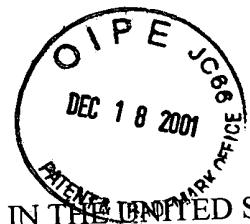


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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 30, 2001 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper

Paper No. 15), Applicant submits the following Remarks. As a reply was due on October 30, 2001, submitted herewith is a petition for an extension of time.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.